

Table 10.

Percentage of People in Poverty by State Using 2- and 3-Year Averages: 2002 to 2004

(People as of March of the following year)

State	3-year average 2002–2004		2-year average			Change in percentage points (2003–2004 average less 2002–2003 average) ¹		
			2002–2003		2003–2004			
	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)
United States	12.4	0.2	12.3	0.2	12.6	0.2	*0.3	0.2
Alabama	15.5	1.5	14.7	1.6	16.0	1.7	1.2	1.4
Alaska	9.2	1.2	9.2	1.3	9.4	1.4	0.2	1.2
Arizona	13.8	1.4	13.5	1.7	13.9	1.6	0.4	1.4
Arkansas	17.6	1.6	18.8	1.9	16.4	1.8	*-2.3	1.6
California	13.2	0.6	13.1	0.7	13.2	0.7	0.1	0.6
Colorado	9.8	1.1	9.7	1.2	9.9	1.4	0.1	1.2
Connecticut	8.8	1.1	8.2	1.1	9.1	1.3	0.9	1.1
Delaware	8.5	1.2	8.2	1.3	8.2	1.4	-	1.2
District of Columbia	16.8	1.7	16.9	1.9	16.7	2.1	-0.2	1.7
Florida	12.3	0.7	12.6	0.9	12.2	0.9	-0.5	0.7
Georgia	12.0	1.2	11.5	1.4	12.5	1.3	1.0	1.1
Hawaii	9.7	1.2	10.3	1.4	8.9	1.3	*-1.5	1.2
Idaho	10.5	1.3	10.8	1.5	10.0	1.5	-0.7	1.3
Illinois	12.5	0.9	12.7	1.0	12.4	1.0	-0.3	0.8
Indiana	10.2	1.0	9.5	1.1	10.8	1.3	*1.3	1.0
Iowa	9.7	1.2	9.1	1.2	9.9	1.4	0.8	1.2
Kansas	10.7	1.2	10.4	1.3	11.1	1.5	0.7	1.3
Kentucky	15.4	1.5	14.3	1.6	16.0	1.8	*1.8	1.5
Louisiana	17.0	1.6	17.2	1.8	16.8	1.8	-0.4	1.5
Maine	12.2	1.3	12.5	1.3	11.6	1.5	-0.9	1.3
Maryland	8.6	1.0	8.0	1.1	9.2	1.3	*1.2	1.0
Massachusetts	9.8	1.0	10.1	1.2	9.7	1.2	-0.4	1.0
Michigan	12.1	0.9	11.5	1.0	12.3	1.1	0.8	0.9
Minnesota	7.0	0.9	6.9	1.0	7.2	1.1	0.3	0.9
Mississippi	17.7	1.7	17.2	1.9	17.3	1.9	0.1	1.6
Missouri	10.9	1.2	10.3	1.3	11.5	1.4	*1.2	1.1
Montana	14.3	1.5	14.3	1.8	14.6	1.8	0.3	1.5
Nebraska	9.9	1.2	10.2	1.4	9.6	1.4	-0.6	1.2
Nevada	10.2	1.2	9.9	1.3	10.9	1.5	1.0	1.2
New Hampshire	5.7	0.9	5.8	1.0	5.6	1.1	-0.2	0.9
New Jersey	8.2	0.8	8.3	0.9	8.3	1.0	-	0.8
New Mexico	17.5	1.8	18.0	2.1	17.3	2.1	-0.7	1.7
New York	14.4	0.7	14.2	0.8	14.6	0.9	0.5	0.7
North Carolina	14.8	1.1	15.0	1.3	15.1	1.3	0.1	1.1
North Dakota	10.3	1.2	10.6	1.4	9.7	1.4	-0.9	1.2
Ohio	10.8	0.8	10.3	1.0	11.3	1.0	*0.9	0.8
Oklahoma	12.6	1.4	13.5	1.6	11.8	1.6	*-1.6	1.3
Oregon	11.7	1.3	11.7	1.4	12.1	1.6	0.4	1.3
Pennsylvania	10.4	0.8	10.0	0.9	10.9	0.9	*0.9	0.8
Rhode Island	11.3	1.2	11.3	1.3	11.5	1.5	0.2	1.2
South Carolina	14.0	1.4	13.5	1.5	13.8	1.7	0.3	1.4
South Dakota	12.5	1.3	12.1	1.4	13.0	1.5	1.0	1.3
Tennessee	14.9	1.4	14.4	1.7	15.0	1.6	0.5	1.4
Texas	16.4	0.8	16.3	1.0	16.7	1.0	0.4	0.8
Utah	9.6	1.2	9.5	1.3	9.5	1.4	-	1.2
Vermont	8.8	1.1	9.2	1.2	8.2	1.3	-1.0	1.2
Virginia	9.8	1.1	10.0	1.3	9.7	1.2	-0.3	1.0
Washington	11.7	1.2	11.8	1.4	12.0	1.4	0.2	1.2
West Virginia	16.1	1.4	17.1	1.6	15.8	1.6	-1.3	1.4
Wisconsin	10.2	1.1	9.2	1.1	11.0	1.3	*1.9	1.1
Wyoming	9.6	1.2	9.4	1.3	9.9	1.5	0.5	1.3

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

* Statistically different from zero at the 90-percent confidence level.

¹ Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.² A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_229sa.pdf>.

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